

### IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 11, 20, and 28A. These sheets, which include Figs. 11, 20, and 28A, replace the original sheets including Figs. 11, 20, and 28A. Replacement Figure 11 now properly labels element 265; replacement Figure 20 now properly labels element 66D; and replacement Figure 28A now properly refers to element 101 as a “Prediction Coefficient Determining Part”.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment the specification is amended to correct minor informalities.

Further, the claims are amended to correct dependencies therein and to no longer recite any improper multiple dependencies.

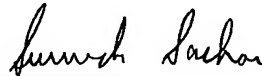
Further, substitute Figures 11, 20, and 28A are submitted herein. Replacement Figure 11 now properly labels element 265; replacement Figure 20 now properly labels element 66D; and replacement Figure 28A now properly refers to element 101 as a "Prediction Coefficient Determining Part".

The amendments to the specification, claims, and in the replacement figures are all deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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